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Welcome to our website, and thank you for taking time to learn about the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS).

I chose a career in health care because I wanted to help people. I love the idea of empowering people with tools and resources to improve their health over a lifetime, and of having an immediate positive impact on a person's well-being.

As an emergency physician for 12 years, it was satisfying to work as part of a team and to be able to leap into action and help when a life was in peril. But I also felt frustrated as I watched men and

women without insurance walk out the sliding doors, knowing they would return when their next health crisis hit.

Today, I am proud to lead a state agency with more than 450 colleagues who dedicate themselves to our mission of improving lives and transforming health care.

DMAS provides coverage to more than 1 million Virginians so they have access to the health services they need for better health and a better quality of life. They include children, low-income parents with dependents, older adults, people with disabilities, individuals with mental illness and those recovering from addiction.

I hope you'll take time to explore our website and learn more about the services available to each of these groups.

You'll also find information here about two exciting new initiatives:

- Addiction and Recovery Treatment Services, or ARTS, provides comprehensive treatment services to more than 4,000 Virginians working to free themselves from substance use disorders.
- Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus this year completed the transition of 210,000 older adults and people with disabilities to a coordinated system of managed care.

In the year ahead, we will continue to embrace innovative ideas that provide superior service to our members and are cost-effective for the Commonwealth's taxpayers.

Please let us know if you cannot find the information you are looking for on this website. You can contact us at DMASInfo@dmas.virginia.gov. I welcome your comments, and I look forward to serving you and the Commonwealth of Virginia.